

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: STOUGHTON *et al.*  
Serial No.: 09/038,894  
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For: *METHODS OF DIAGNOSIS AND  
TRIAGE USING CELL ACTIVATION  
MEASURES*  
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Examiner: Witz, J.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Preliminary to the examination of the above-captioned application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

at page 1, line 26, insert a — after "phagocytosis";

at page 3, line 6, insert — which — between "globulins" and "are";

at page 3, lines 12-13, delete the phrase "which are responsible for the humoral aspect of adaptive immunity,";

at page 4, line 6, insert a space between "T-cells;" and "MAF";

at page 5, line 25, replace "Several" with —several—;

at page 5, line 29, replace "characterized" with —characterized—;

at page 7, line 5, insert — the — after "to";

at page 9, line 4, replace "invest" with —Invest—;

at page 9, line 5, replace "invest" with —Invest—;

at page 9, line 7, replace "N" with —1.0 N—;

*(Entered in part)*